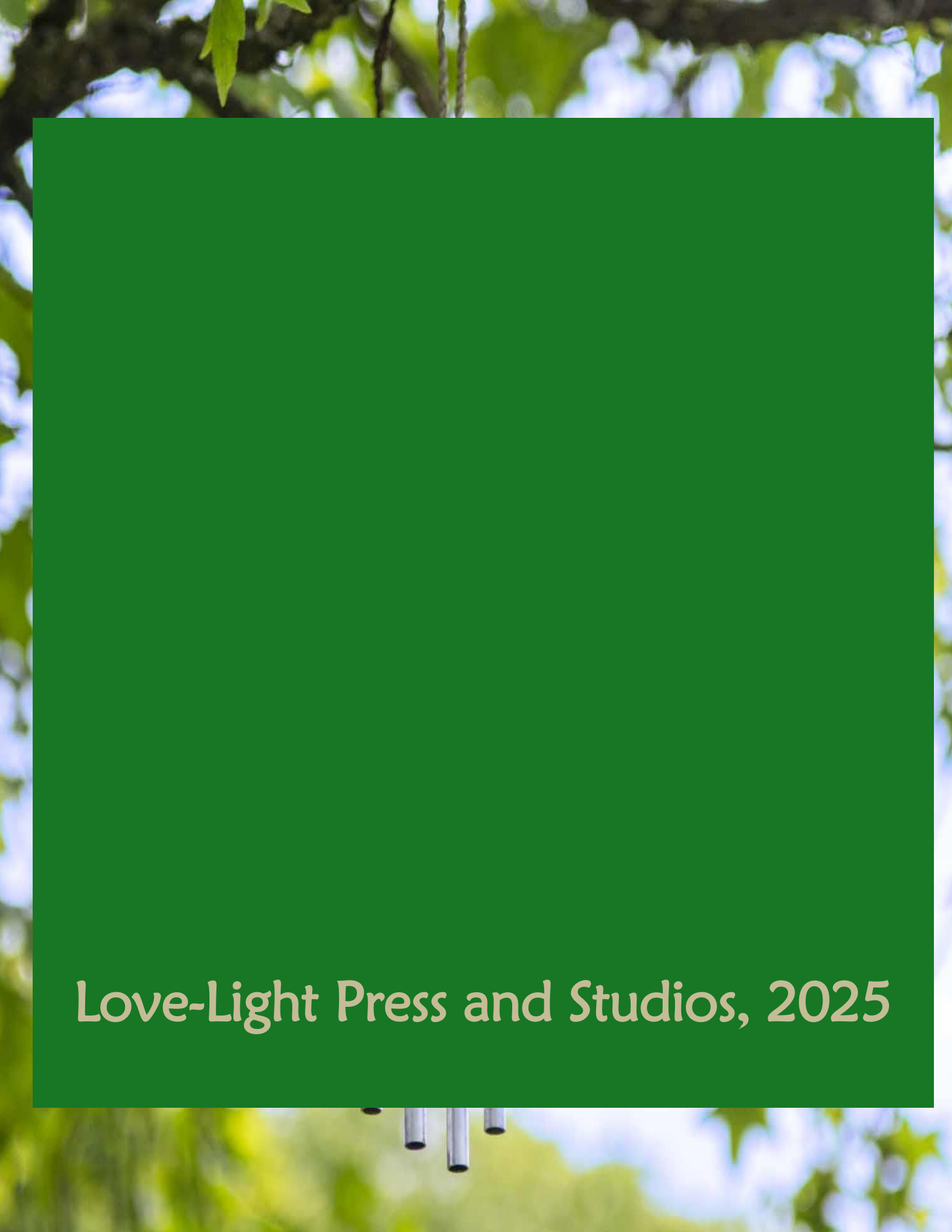


THE BOOK OF BARUCH

CHAPTER 6



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6:1 A copy of an epistle, which Jeremie sent unto them which were to be led captives into Babylon, by the king of the Babylonians, to certify them as it was commanded

him of God.

6:2 Because of the
sins which ye have
committed before
God, ye shall be led
away captives into
Babylon by
Nabuchodonosor
king of the
Babylonians.

6:3 So when ye be

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**come unto
Babylon, ye shall
remain there many
years, and for a
long season,
namely, seven
generations: and
after that I will
bring you away
peaceably from
thence.**

6:4 Now shall ye
see in Babylon
gods of silver, and
of gold, and of
wood, borne upon
shoulders, which
cause the nations
to fear.

6:5 Beware
therefore that ye
in no **wise** be like

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**to strangers,
neither be ye
afraid of them,
when ye see the
multitude before
them and behind
them, worshiping
them.**

**6:6 But say ye in
your hearts, O
Lord, we must**

worship thee.

**6:7 For mine angel
is with you, and I
myself caring for
your souls.**

**6:8 As for their
tongue, it is
polished by the
workman, and they
themselves are
gilded and laid over**

with silver; yet are they but false, and cannot speak.

6:9 And taking gold, as it were for a virgin that loveth to go gay, they make crowns for the heads of their gods.

6:10 Sometimes also the priests

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**convey from their
gods gold and
silver, and bestow
it upon themselves.**

**6:11 Yea, they will
give thereof to the
common harlots,
and deck them as
men with garments,
[being] gods of
silver, and gods of**

gold, and wood.

**6:12 Yet cannot
these gods save
themselves from
rust and moths,
though they be
covered with purple
raiment.**

**6:13 They wipe
their faces because
of the dust of the**

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temple, when there is much upon them.

6:14 And he that cannot put to death one that offendeth him holdeth a scepter, as though he were a judge of the country.

6:15 He hath also in his right hand a

**dagger and an ax:
but cannot deliver
himself from war
and thieves.**

**6:16 Whereby they
are known not to be
gods: therefore fear
them not.**

**6:17 For like as a
vessel that a man
useth is nothing**

worth when it is broken; even so it is with their gods: when they be set up in the temple, their eyes be full of dust through the feet of them that come in.

6:18 And as the doors are made

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**sure on every side
upon him that
offendeth the king,
as being committed
to suffer death:
even so the priests
make fast their
temples with doors,
with locks, and
bars, lest their gods
be spoiled**

with robbers.

**6:19 They light
them candles, yea,
more than for
themselves,
whereof they
cannot see one.**

**6:20 They are as
one of the beams of
the temple, yet they
say their hearts are**

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**gnawed upon by
things creeping out
of the earth; and
when they eat them
and their clothes,
they feel it not.**

**6:21 Their faces are
blackened through
the smoke that
cometh out of
the temple.**

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6:22 Upon their bodies and heads sit bats, swallows, and birds, and the cats also. **6:23** By this ye may know that they are no gods: therefore fear them not.

6:24 Notwithstanding the gold

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**that is about them
to make them
beautiful, except
they wipe off the
rust, they will not
shine: for neither
when they were
molten did they feel
it. **6:25** The things
wherein there is no
breath are bought**

for a most high price. 6:26 They are borne upon shoulders, having no feet whereby they declare unto men that they be nothing worth.

6:27 They also that serve them, are ashamed: for if they

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**fall to the ground at
any time, they
cannot rise up again
of themselves:
neither, if one set
them upright can
they move of
themselves: neither,
if they be bowed
down, can they
make themselves**

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**straight: but they
set gifts before them
as unto dead men.**

**6:28 As for the
things that are
sacrificed unto
them, their priests
sell and abuse; in
like manner their
wives lay up part
thereof in salt; but**

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**unto the poor and
impotent they give
nothing of it.**

**6:29 Menstruous
women, and women
in childbed eat their
sacrifices: by these
things ye may know
that they are no
gods: fear them not.**

6:30 For how can

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**they be called
gods? because
women set meat
before the gods of
silver, gold, and
wood. 6:31 And the
priests sit in their
temples, having
their clothes rent,
and their heads and
beards shaven, and**

nothing upon their heads. 6:32 They roar and cry before their gods, as men do at the feast when one is dead.

6:33 The priests also take off their garments, and clothe their wives and children.

6:34 Whether it be evil that one doeth unto them, or good, they are not able to recompense it: they can neither set up a king, nor put him down. **6:35** In like manner, they can neither give riches nor money: though

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**a man make a vow
unto them, and keep
it not, they will not
require it. 6:36 They**

**can save no man
from death, neither
deliver the weak
from the mighty.**

**6:37 They cannot
restore a blind man
to his sight, nor help**

any man in his distress. 6:38 They can shew no mercy to the widow, nor do good to the fatherless.

6:39 Their gods of wood, and which are overlaid with gold and silver, are like the stones that be

**hewn out of the
mountain: they that
worship them shall
be confounded.**

**6:40 How should a
man then think and
say that they are
gods, when even
the Chaldeans
themselves
dishonor them?**

6:41 Who if they shall see one dumb that cannot speak, they bring him, and entreat Bel that he may speak, as though he were able to **understand**.

6:42 Yet they cannot **understand** this themselves, and

**leave them: for they
have no knowledge.**

**6:43 The women
also with cords
about them, sitting
in the ways, burn
bran for perfume:
but if any of them,
drawn by some that
passeth by, lie with
him, she**

**reproacheth her
fellow, that she was
not thought as
worthy as herself,
nor her cord broken.**

**6:44 What-soever is
done among them is
false: how may it
then be thought or
said that they are
gods? 6:45 They are**

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**made of carpenters
and goldsmiths:
they can be nothing
else than the
workmen will have
them to be. 6:46 And
they themselves
that made them can
never continue long;
how should then the
things that are made**

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of them be gods?

6:47 For they left
lies and reproaches
to them that come
after. **6:48** For when
there cometh any
war or plague upon
them, the priests
consult with
themselves, where
they may be hidden

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**with them. 6:49 How
then cannot men
perceive that they
be no gods, which
can neither save
themselves from
war, nor from
plague? 6:50 For
seeing they be but
of wood, and
overlaid with silver**

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and gold, it shall be known hereafter that they are false:

6:51 And it shall manifestly appear to all nations and kings that they are no gods, but the works of men's hands, and that there is no work of

God in them.

6:52 Who then may not know that they are no gods?

6:53 For neither can they set up a king in the land, nor give rain unto men.

6:54 Neither can they judge their own cause, nor redress a

**wrong, being
unable: for they are
as crows between
heaven and earth.**

**6:55 Whereupon
when fire falleth
upon the house of
gods of wood, or
laid over with gold
or silver, their
priests will flee**

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**away, and escape;
but they themselves
shall be burned
asunder like beams.**

**6:56 Moreover they
cannot withstand
any king or
enemies: how can it
then be thought or
said that they be
gods? 6:57 Neither**

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are those gods of wood, and laid over with silver or gold, able to escape either from thieves or robbers.

6:58 Whose gold, and silver, and garments wherewith they are clothed, they that are strong

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**take, and go away
withal: neither are
they able to help
themselves.**

**6:59 Therefore it is
better to be a king
that sheweth his
power, or else a
profitable vessel in
an house, which the
owner shall have**

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use of, than such false gods; or to be a door in an house to keep such things therein, than such false gods: or a pillar of wood in a palace, than such false gods. ⁶:60 For sun, moon, and stars, being bright

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**and sent to do their
offices, are
obedient. 6:61 In
like manner the
lightning when it
breaketh forth is
easy to be seen; and
after the same
manner the wind
bloweth in every
country. 6:62 And**

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**when God
commandeth the
clouds to go over
the whole world,
they do as they are
bidden. 6:63 And the
fire sent from above
to consume hills
and woods doeth as
it is commanded:
but these are like**

**unto them neither in
shew nor power.**

**6:64 Wherefore it is
neither to be
supposed nor said
that they are gods,
seeing, they are able
neither to judge
causes, nor to do
good unto men.**

6:65 Knowing

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**therefore that they
are no gods, fear
them not **6:66** For
they can neither
curse nor bless
kings: **6:67** Neither
can they shew signs
in the heavens
among the heathen,
nor shine as the
sun, nor give light**

as the moon.

6:68 The beasts are better than they: for they can get under a cover and help themselves. **6:69** It is then by no means manifest unto us that they are gods: therefore fear them not.

6:70 For as
a scarecrow in a
garden of
cucumbers keepeth
nothing: so are their
gods of wood, and
laid over with silver
and gold.

6:71 And likewise
their gods of wood,
and laid over with

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silver and gold, are like to a white thorn in an orchard, that every bird sitteth upon; as also to a dead body, that is cast into the dark.

6:72 And ye shall know them to be no gods, by the bright purple that rotteth

**upon them: and they
themselves
afterward shall be
eaten, and shall be
a reproach in
the country.**

**6:73 Better therefore
is the just man that
hath none idols: for
he shall be
far from reproach.**